

Officer Executive Decisions

Establishment of a Medway Community Lottery

Delegation from Leader and Cabinet and date

On 17 November 2020, the Cabinet agreed to delegate authority to the Chief Finance Officer (CFO), in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Housing and Community Services, to:

- i) manage and have oversight of the Lottery; and
- ii) approve appropriate policies and procedures associated with the Lottery.

(Decision no.: 146/2020)

The report may be found on the [Council's website](#).

Decision

The Council has an operator's licence from the Gambling Commission and the Deputy Leader and CFO have undertaken the training and been granted personal licences; Appropriate policies and procedures were adopted, as part of the licence application; Medway Council has been accepted as a Member of the Lottery Council; The Council has consulted with the local third sector community and attended one of the MVA meetings to raise awareness, agreed the branding and logo with Gatherwell and conducted a launch event to attract 'good causes' and to date 36 have joined the platform; Ticket-selling has started on 7 September, with the first draw taking place approximately one month later.

Reasons for Decision

The decision to adopt the policies and procedures recommended by Gatherwell was taken, as they represent best practice. Robust oversight by the CFO will maximise the likelihood of a successful community lottery.

Date of Decision

The application for a gambling licence was submitted on 31 December 2020, accompanied by the policies and procedures recommended by Gatherwell and adopted under the CFO's delegation.

Lead Officer

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Details of any other options considered and rejected

None

Conflicts of Interest

None